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Application No.

09/142,305

Applicant(s)

OZAWA ET AL.

Examiner

Bradley L. Sisson

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THE REPLY FILED 19 March 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☒ A Notice of Appeal was filed on 19 March 2004. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the _____ application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-4 and 18-24.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 5-17.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____



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Continuation of 2. NOTE: The aspect of materially changing the claimed fusion protein from comprising three domains to a fusion polypeptide comprising two polypeptides having two domains raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The amendment has not been entered (see above), thereby altering the scope and content of the claims. Accordingly, the rejections are maintained for reasons of record. In regard to applicant's traversal of the objection to the declaration, claim 1 as last amended was drawn to a fusion protein comprising three domains, the first of which was characterized as being "a first domain to which a ligand binds that comprises a steroid hormone receptor." In comparison, the first domain of the fusion polypeptide as found in original claim 1 was drawn broadly to "a ligand-binding domain." While agreement is reached in that the claims are still drawn to a fusion protein, the nature or content of the fusion protein, especially as it relates to newly added claims 18-24, which fairly encompass fusion proteins and that are now defined in terms of amino acid composition and activity or lack of activity, e.g., G-CSF receptor that lacks extracellular domain of wild-type G-CSF, a third domain that comprises a mutant G-CSF receptor that lacks reactivity against G-CSF and the ability to induce differentiation; a mutant G-CSF receptor that is deficient in amino acid residues 5 (Glu) through 195 (Leu) as well as amino acid residues 725 through 756 of wild-type G-CSF. Clearly, such embodiments are not recited in claims 1-4 as originally filed. Therefore, and in the absence of convincing evidence to the contrary, the objection to the specification is maintained. .